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(e) A copy of letter[a] dated 12th September 1928 from the Deputy Director of Agriculture, IV Circle, to the Director of Agriculture is appended for information.

(f) The President appears to have sought the advice of the Director of Agriculture regarding a syllabus which was drawn up for the teaching of nature study in secondary schools under the control of the Board. All the necessary advice and help were given.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Development Minister, in what respect the views of the President of the Board differed from those of the Agricultural department, with respect to answer (b) ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not a fact that the President complained that work has suffered owing to non-co-operation ? "

The hon Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" That is what we see from the report."

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Has the Government examined the schemes of rural reconstruction inaugurated by the Chingleput District Board ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Not yet, Sir."

Proceedings of the Agricultural Conference.

* 802 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are in receipt of the proceedings of the Agricultural Conference held at Simla in October 1928 ; and if so, whether Government will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House ; and

(b) whether Government have arrived at any decisions regarding the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Agriculture, and if so, what those decisions are ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 681.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—" Will the Government be pleased to place on the table its proceedings ? "

The hon. Mr. M R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The hon. Member probably means the proceedings of the Agricultural Conference held at Simla. That has to be considered."

Co-operative Societies

Recommendations of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the report of the Townshend Committee.

* 803 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received the recommendations of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies on the report of the Townshend Committee on Co-operation ;

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(b) whether he will be pleased to place the same on the table of this House to allow the Council to express its views on the matter;

(c) whether he has arranged to call for a conference or meeting of representative non-official co-operators in the province with a view to consult them on the recommendations of the Registrar; and

(d) if he has already passed orders, whether the same will be placed on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes; the recommendations of the Registrar on certain of the proposals of the Committee have not yet been received.

(b) In view of answer to (a), this question does not now arise.

(c) The question of convening such a conference to discuss certain general questions is now engaging the attention of Government.

(d) No orders have yet been passed.

Liquidation of the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society.

*804 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1002 answered on 1st November 1927—

(a) whether the report called for from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies regarding the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society, North Arcot district, has since been received;

(b) if so, what is the amount covered by "special loans" and how much of it is irrecoverable;

(c) what is the extent of "unsecured," "benami" and "fraudulent" loans in this society to recover which "unlimited liability" proceedings have to be resorted to in this society;

(d) what is the amount available as "net assets" of this society for realization under the application of unlimited liability;

(e) whether the Central (financing) Bank at Vellore was apprised of the bad state of affairs in the Kaniyambadi Co-operative Society and what were the steps taken by this Central Bank to recover the sums lent by them to this co-operative society;

(f) why the Kaniyambadi Society was not liquidated by the department when they became aware that its affairs were steadily going bad; and

(g) whether Government will be pleased to place the report from the Registrar on the table of this House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) to (f) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

(g) No.

Publication of the audit reports of co-operative societies in the district gazette.

*805 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the reason for discontinuing the publication of the audit reports of co-operative societies in the district gazette;

(b) the savings, if any, effected by such discontinuance; and

(c) whether it is intended to order the publication of the said audit reports as heretofore?